

▼ This medicine is subject to additional monitoring. This will allow quick identification of new safety information. You can help by reporting any side effects you may get. You can report side effects to your doctor, or directly at [www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems](http://www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems).

## VAZKEPA®

Active ingredient: icosapent ethyl

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### Consumer Medicine Information

This leaflet provides important information about using VAZKEPA®. **You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using VAZKEPA®.**

*Where to find information in this leaflet:*

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#### 1. Why am I using VAZKEPA®?

VAZKEPA® contains the active ingredient icosapent ethyl, a highly purified omega-3 fatty acid obtained from the oil of fish. VAZKEPA® is used with a statin medicine to prevent cardiovascular events, such as:

- Heart attack
- Stroke
- Death from heart or vascular disease

**VAZKEPA® is a prescription medicine and is used in adults with high blood triglycerides who already have heart disease or have diabetes and other conditions that put them at a higher risk of cardiovascular events.**

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#### 2. What should I know before I use VAZKEPA®?

##### *Warnings*

**Do not use VAZKEPA® if:**

- you are **allergic to icosapent ethyl**, soya or peanut or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.
- Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.

**Check with your doctor if you:**

- are **allergic to fish or shellfish**. The active ingredient icosapent ethyl is derived from the oil of fish.
- have **problems with your liver**.
- have problems with **irregular heartbeat** (atrial fibrillation or flutter).